problems of individual and corporate tax payers. It has been decided to introduce this scheme in Delhi from 1.8.2000, and it will be extended to other stations in due course. The cell has been designated as "HELPLINE INCOME-TAX" and will be under the supervision of a Commissioner of Income tax.

Insurance Scheme for Protection of Investors from Fake Companies

† 997. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce an insurance scheme to protect the investors from fake companies;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when the above scheme is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Himachal Pradesh Public Money Bill, 1996

998. SHRIMATI CHANDRESH KUMARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Himachal Pradesh has requested the Central Government to make suitable provisions in the Himachal Pradesh Public Money Bill, 1996 to enable the State Government to make pending recoveries expenditiously as arrears of land revenues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some action in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (d) The Himachal Pradesh Public Moneys (Recovery of Dues) Bill, 1996 for making suitable provision in the Himachal Pradesh Public Moneys (Recovery of Dues) Act, 1973 (Principal Act), was received in the Ministry of Home Affairs on 7th October, 1996 for obtaining the administrative approval of the Government of India before its introduction in the State Legislature. Clarifications on certain provisions of the Bill have been sought from the State Government,

Pension and DA arrears to PNB and UCO Bank Employees

999. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH SURYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees of PNB and UCO Bank are facing difficulty in getting the pensions and DA arrears announced from time to *time;*

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there arc any guidelines/direction for clearing the pensions and an ears in these banks;

(d) if not, by when these would be issued; and

(e) whether there is any monitoring mechanism for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) According to Punjab National Bank and UCO Bank, their employees are not facing any difficulty in getting their pension and DA arrears announced from time to time.

(c) and (e) Both the banks have issued their internal guidelines in this regard.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.